

Abbeville Press and Banner

Published 1844. \$2.00 Year. Tri-Weekly

Abbeville, S. C., Wednesday, June 7, 1922.

Single Copies, Five Cents. 78th Year.

400,000 WAGE CUT FOR R. R. MEN

WORKERS ARE INVOLVED IN NEW CUT—AFFECTS MOSTLY SHOPMEN; SUPERIOR FORCES IN SHOPS TOUCHED.

Chicago, June 6.—Over the strong protest of the three labor representatives on the United States Railroad Labor Board, a new wage cut of ten cents an hour for Railroad mechanics and nine cents for car men, cutting 400,000 men approximately \$60,000,000 was ordered by the board to take effect on the first day of the new wage reduction brought about. Estimated added saving of \$59,669,000 annually to the railroads, following on the heels of a \$50,000,000 cut in the wages of maintenance of way laborers last week. The shop decision becomes effective July 1, the same date as last week's order.

The minority report of the labor board pointedly stated that the majority decision was made "with no consideration of human needs," and that it fails to carry out the intention of the board to set a "just and reasonable" wage.

The tendency of this decision is to indicate the propaganda of the railroads and consequently such statements as the employees have been able to bring to the attention of the board. Supervisory forces of the railroads were not decreased.

Due consideration of the committee it was felt that the duties and responsibilities of such forces warranted maintenance of the present rates. The reduction for the mechanics average a little more than 8 cents, all machinists, boiler makers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, carmen (except freight carmen) moulders, couplers and carmakers and the car and helper apprentices receive a cut of 7 cents an hour.

Light carmen, commonly known as "knockers" and the object of the heaviest assaults by the strikers in the battle for lower wages, receive a cut of 9 cents. The larger cut was made for the "car knockers" because the board said that it believed their work did not require the skilled service as other branches of carmen's work. This heavier cut for the freight carmen was especially severe.

In the minority report, the labor board declaring there was no discrimination in work.

Car cleaners who now receive an average of \$3.18 a day, were cut 5 cents an hour, or 40 cents a day. The mechanics, whose daily rate now averages from \$6.11 for electrical workers to \$6.23 for blacksmiths, lose 56 cents a day under the decision bringing their daily rate to approximately \$5.70.

The board's latest decision which will be followed shortly by reductions for railway clerks, telegraphers and all other classes of railroad employes except the train service was brief and offered no explanation of how the new rates were arrived at. This omission brought fire from the dissenters, who demanded the majority decision did not consider "human needs," ignored the wishes of the employees for a "living wage" and made "no attempt to set a standard."

Lieut. and Mrs. W. B. Beacham of New York arrived in Abbeville this afternoon for a visit to Mrs. B. K. Beacham and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beacham. Lieut. Beacham is a paymaster in the Navy and expects to depart Monday from Newport News, accompanied by Mrs. Beacham, for a two year stay in China.

STRIKERS CLAIM VICTORY SCORED

FEW WORKERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE MILLS—GOOD ORDER ON WHOLE MAINTAINED AND FEW ARRESTS ARE MADE

Manchester, N. H., June 6.—Striking textile operatives in New Hampshire claimed a victory tonight. Only 500 of the 25,000 operatives normally employed were at work on the first day of the reopening of cotton mills in Manchester, Nashua, Dover and Somersworth, it was estimated by police and newspaper men.

Mills in New Market, Exeter and Suncook did not attempt to reopen. The mills throughout the state have been closed since February 13, as a result of a strike in protest against a 20 per cent wage cut and a 54 hour week.

Four arrests were made during the day, two at Manchester for the jailing of returning workers and two in Nashua for alleged violation of an injunction against picketing in force there. The four men were later released. Six men arrested at Nashua tonight on similar charges furnished bonds for a hearing later. Idle operatives and sympathizers made demonstrations this morning at each mill center where attempts were made to reopen, but there were no serious disorders.

Textile mill workers claimed that many of those who reported for work today were foreman and second hands. At Nashua, according to the police, strike sympathizers attempted to evade the injunction by transferring their picketing operations to streets a few blocks from the mills.

A clash between James Starr, strike leader in Manchester and Chief of Police Healy of the Coolidge mill. Starr said later that Chief Healy had charged that he and Organizer Callahan as well as President McMahon of the United Textile Workers were responsible for the presence of the strike sympathizers on the streets this morning in violation of rules laid down by the police department. The chief, however, took no official action and later issued a statement thanking citizens for their orderly behavior.

Strike leaders asserted tonight that the situation in New Hampshire would be brought to the attention of the United States senate by Senators Lafayette and Gooding and that a senate investigation might result.

CLUB BOOKS OPEN

Democratic Club roll books are now open for registration. Club roll for No. 1 is in the office of the Clerk of Court, J. L. Perrin, and club roll for No. 2 can be found in the office of the County Treasurer, R. B. Cheatham. The names of those wishing to vote in the August primary have to be enrolled thirty days before the election, which is the last Tuesday in August, being August the 29th.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 20 3-4 cents on the local market today. Futures closed

July	21.21
October	21.22
December	21.16
January	21.02
July	20.38
Oct.	20.28
Dec.	20.23
Jan.	20.17

Tolbert Gets Place.

Washington, June 6.—Joseph W. Tolbert was nominated today by President Harding to be United States marshal for the Western district of South Carolina.

FORD CAN START ON SHORT NOTICE

READY TO BEGIN WORK AT ONCE—ACCEPTANCE OF DETROIT MAN'S OFFER WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY TELEGRAMS

Detroit, June 6.—Henry Ford is prepared to begin work on the development of the Muscle Shoals water power and nitrate plants upon a few hours notice, should his offer to take over and operate the project be accepted by congress, it was learned today from sources close to the manufacturer. Acceptance of his offer, it was said, would be followed immediately by the dispatch of telegrams to various parts of the country that would initiate the Detroit manufacturer's plan to create an industrial center around Muscle Shoals that would be the "crowning achievement of his career."

Mr. Ford believes acceptance of his proposal and fruition of his plans will prove the worth of water power and that an enterprise like Muscle Shoals can be made to become an asset to the public rather than a liability. The project, it was pointed out, will under Mr. Ford's plans have paid for itself before the lease expires.

W. B. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford company, has returned to Detroit and Mr. Ford no longer is personally represented at Washington in connection with the shoals project. No plans have been made for further negotiations with congress, it was stated, because Mr. Ford's reply to the counter-proposal of the house military committee was his final statement.

PROSPECTS FOR BALL TEAM

In Abbeville Are Good—To Meet in Greenwood This Afternoon

There is to be a meeting in the office of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Greenwood this afternoon at 4 o'clock to discuss the matter of organizing a local base ball team in each of the following named cities: Abbeville, Greenwood, Anderson and Laurens. Representatives from each of these cities will be present to discuss this matter.

No definite plans have been made but the idea is that each of the above named towns will have a team consisting of players that live in the respective counties, no player being allowed to play on a team that does not live in the county.

A great deal of interest has been taken in this matter among the baseball fans of Abbeville, as this county has good material for a local team and there is no reason why Abbeville shouldn't have as good a team as the rest of the towns mentioned, and it is hoped that the people who are interested in this matter will give it their loyal support.

Advance in Crude Oil Announced.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 7.—An increase of 25 cents a barrel in the price of Pennsylvania crude oil was announced when the market opened today. All other grades quoted here, excepting Corning, were up 25 cents. The new prices were: Pennsylvania crude \$3.50; Corning unchanged at \$1.90; Cabell \$2.36; Somerset \$2.15; Somerset light \$2.40; Ragland \$1.25.

FORD DEALERS MEET.

E. F. Arnold has been in Columbia since Monday attending a Ford dealers meeting. He will return to the city this evening, and may be able to tell Abbeville people whether Henry Ford will run for President or not.

CLEMSON BOYS

Andrew Hill, Maxcy Johnson, Sam Williams, and Richard Swetenburg are among the Abbeville boys who finished at Clemson this year and are at home for a rest before taking up the business of life.

STATES TO RECEIVE MORE FEDERAL AID

ANOTHER APPROPRIATION TO BE MADE—LARGE AMOUNT TO BE AVAILABLE JULY FIRST. FUNDS FROM STATE AFTER NEXT YEAR.

Columbia, June 6.—State highway authorities were advised yesterday that a free conference committee of the house and senate had agreed on the federal aid appropriation to be made by congress within the next two or three weeks and that the amount would be \$50,000,000 for 1923.

Of this \$50,000,000 South Carolina will receive approximately \$700,000 and this will be available July 1 of this year. The appropriation will be for the fiscal year beginning the first of next month, but the entire amount can be had July 1.

Charles H. Moorefield, state highway engineer, said yesterday that sufficient funds to match the \$700,000 for South Carolina were already pledged by the counties and it is expected that many applications will be made for the money.

Under the agreement of the free conference committee, \$65,000,000 for federal aid is to be appropriated for 1924 and \$75,000,000 for 1925. South Carolina can share in this year's fund and the 1924 amount under the present system of county matching, but will be unable to share in the 1925 appropriation unless some provision is made for the state to match the funds. Under the provisions of the recent federal aid act the government will begin to deal only with the states and will not accept the county matching scheme, this to become effective after the 1924 appropriation has been allowed and used.

BISHOP KILGO WEAK

Condition Becomes Alarming Late in the Day

Memphis, June 6.—After several days of apparent improvement, the condition of Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, became alarming late today. A bulletin issued by his physicians said: "There is no essential change in the bishop's condition. He is virtually prostrated and extremely weak."

WINTHROP GIRLS HOME

The following Abbeville girls arrived in the city today from Winthrop College to spend the summer vacation: Misses Lydia Owen, Mary Stevenson, Mary Reed Moore, Margaret Wilson, Ophelia and Cornelia Clinkscales, Carrie Hawthorne, Myra Williams, Mildred Wilson and Ione Stevenson.

Misses Margaret Dawson, Virginia Leslie, Janie Vance Bowie, Annie Wilson and Janie Milford who were members of the freshman class came home last week.

GOING TO R. O. T. C.

J. C. Cheatham returned Tuesday night from Clemson College, and expects to leave Abbeville June 16th for the reserve officers training camp at Anniston, Ala., to be gone until July 27th. He will return by way of Chattanooga, Tenn. where he expects to visit friends.

Earle Takes Honor.

Memphis, June 6.—Paul R. Earle of Starr, S. C., relieved C. R. Boyce of Memphis of the 18 yard zone championship in the second day's shoot of the South zone trapshooters' handicap at the Memphis Gun club today when he scored a 99.

Richard A. Ballenger Dead.

Seattle, Wash., June 6.—Judge Richard A. Ballinger, who was secretary of the interior during President Taft's administration, died at his home here tonight.

SCORE ARRESTED IN MANCHESTER

RESULT OF CLASH OVER STRIKE SEVERAL WOMEN IN NUMBER TAKEN BY POLICE FOR DISREGARDING ORDERS—THROW STONES AT CROWD.

Manchester, N. H., June 6.—Nineteen arrests were made in this city late today as a result of the first disturbance here since the textile strike started on February 13. Several thousand strikers had gathered on the streets near the Coolidge mill of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company, which was reopened yesterday. Many stones were thrown but no one was hurt.

The crowd had been jeering workers leaving the mills. Some of their number forced their way to sections of a street which had been closed by the police. Police officers immediately arrested five of these.

A crowd followed the officers and their prisoners to the police station and remained in that vicinity until driven off by police reserves. The other 14 arrests, including several women, were made near the station when police orders to move along were disregarded. The police tonight issued additional orders forbidding loitering in the vicinity of the mills.

The Manchester strike committee informed State Labor Commissioner Davis today that it was willing to accept his suggestion that the wage question be submitted to the state board of conciliation and arbitration. The committee has refused to arbitrate the matter of working hours.

COURT ADJOURNS

Court adjourned today after disposing of the following cases:

Gid Massey, charged with murder was found not guilty. W. P. Greene represented defendant.

Robert Chiles, assault and battery with intent to kill, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years.

State vs. Luther Brown, violation prohibition law pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days and payment of \$150.

State vs. Buster Gray, violating prohibition law, pleaded guilty and sentenced to five months on the gang or \$100.

State vs. Georgianna Quarles, violation prohibition law, pleaded guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$30.

State vs. Horace Waters and Clifton Crittendon, housebreaking and larceny, pleaded guilty and sentenced to 60 days each.

State vs. Trueie Belcher, rape. Found guilty with recommendation and sentenced to one year. J. Howard Moore representing defendant.

State vs. Jim Tullis, violation prohibition law. Found guilty and sentenced to serve six months.

State vs. Sam Tims, violation prohibition law, pleaded guilty and sentenced to serve 30 days and payment of \$150.

State vs. Grady Dubose, violation prohibition law, pleaded guilty and sentenced to six months.

State vs. Roy Barrett, violation prohibition law. Jury could not agree and Judge Gary ordered a mistrial.

State vs. Love Booth, violation prohibition law. Plead guilty and sentenced to six months. Sentence suspended during good behavior.

State vs. Dewey Brown, violation prohibition law. Found guilty and sentenced to three months. Defendant was represented by Rufus Fant, Esq., of Anderson.

The case of Tom and Jesse Botts charged with murder was continued until the September term of court.

Solicitor Blackwell left today for his father's home near Honea Path to visit, and will go from there to

PHILLIPS IS PLACED UNDER \$25000 BOND

REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN FOR GEORGIA SAYS HIS ARREST IS PENALTY ONE MUST PAY FOR BEING IN POLITICS

Washington, June 6.—John L. Phillips, Republican state chairman for Georgia, for whose arrest a warrant has been issued since late Saturday on complaint of the department of justice, alleging conspiracy to defraud United States in connection with a war contract for the disposal of surplus lumber, surrendered to a deputy United States marshal on his arrival here today from Philadelphia. He was immediately arraigned before United States Commissioner I. R. Hitt, who issued the warrant, and, awaiting examination, was released in \$25,000 bail for action of the grand jury.

The warrant for Mr. Phillips' arrest, sworn to by Marcus Borchant special assistant to the attorney general acting for Assistant Attorney General John W. Crim, was issued while the special grand jury was still conducting its investigation of the lumber disposal contract made by the war department with the firm of Phillips and Stephens acting as agents for the lumber interests. No indictment has yet been returned by the grand jury and it was understood by Phillips today that witnesses were still being heard.

Much mystery surrounds the obtaining of the warrant. Until a copy of the complaint was made public at the department of justice late today following the formal arrest of Mr. Phillips, spokesmen of the department denied that a warrant had been sought.

While the formalities of the bail bond were being attended to in Commissioner Hitt's office, Phillips said that he had hastened to Washington as soon as he had been informed of the issuance of the warrant. Before leaving that city he notified Marshal Snyder through an attorney that he was coming. A deputy met him at the railroad station and formally placed him in custody.

At the moment Phillips was being arraigned, C. Willing Hare of Philadelphia who, as director of sales for the war department, signed the contract with Phillips and Stephens, was at the department of justice to tell what he knew of the lumber disposal case.

TO PROTECT PUBLIC

Purpose in Fixing Coal Price, Says Hoover.

Richmond, Ind., June 6.—The government has set a price of \$3.50 a ton on coal at the mine in an endeavor to save the consumer from \$12.50 coal, Herbert Hoover said here in an address today, at the celebration of the founding of Earlham college.

I. E. CULBRETH MISSING

I. E. Culbreth, who has been missing from his home since last Friday has not been heard from and his family and friends are very much concerned about him. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated by them.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION.

Capt. R. H. Armstrong, John T. Cheatham and W. W. Boles met in the Court House Monday and opened the Books of Registration. Over a hundred certificates were issued.

his home in Laurens.

Clerk of Court J. L. Perrin and Sheriff McLane are wreathed with smiles this afternoon because vacation time has come.